**Central Coventry Fire District Board Meeting** 

October 7, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

1670 Flat River Rd.

## **Minutes**

1. Call to Order – 7:04 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call

President: Fred P. Gralinski

**Vice President: Marie Baker** 

Directors: - Cynthia A. Fagan-Perry, Robert G. Hadley- Excused,

Maureen K. Jendzejec, Daniel K. Lantz Jr., Helen G. Quinn

Treasurer:

Tax Collector:

**Clerk: Christine Moniz-Excused** 

Chief: Andrew J. Baynes - Excused

**President of the Union Dave Gorman** 

**Legal Counsel Dave Dagostino** 

Also in attendance - members of the public, and Fire Department

Approve the minutes from 09/11/2013, 09/18/2013 and 09/24/2013, 10/2/2013.

Motion made to table the minutes for 09/11/2013, 09/18/2013, 09/24/2013, and 10/2/2013. Motion made by Director Fagan-Perry and Seconded by Director Hadley All Voted Aye.

## **Committee Reports**

Equipment and Facility report – Director Lantz reviewed the status of some of the equipment. He discussed the possibility of holding an auction and the equipment we are no longer using we would group up in lots and sell them off. The Station on Hill Farm is empty except for a few papers and sweeping of the floors. Also the Harris Station still has some equipment in it and that will need to get cleaned out also. It will all come down to having time to get it clean. The Auction works by setting up skids and making lots. We need to advertise the auction and we will get rid of all the equipment that we do not use or need. Director Lantz then explained that doing it in house we will save more money. Then we can use the money for deposit into the accounts. The President asked about the fittings on the hoses and asked what we do to sell for scrap if they are brass. Director Lantz stated that construction companies will buy the hoses.

Motion made to accept the equipment report made by Director Fagan-Perry

**Seconded by Director Quinn** 

## **All Voted Aye**

The President stated that they were not going to have a power point presentation.

Finance Committee Report –None

Alternative Planning Committee –None

By-Law Committee Report- None

Chief's report –None

Update on the appointment of the Tax Assessor to certify Tax Rolls in advance of the Special Meeting of October 21, 2013. We have a person that has accepted the position as the Tax Assessor. She is Mrs. Pam Fontaine she has agreed to the position and she is also our Tax Collector. The President asked for a motion to accept Pam as our Tax Assessor.

Motion was made to accept Mrs. Fontaine as our Tax Assessor by Director Fagan-Perry and Seconded by V.P Baker All Voted Aye

Update by Solicitor of pending legal action – the President made a motion to table the update until Thursdays meeting Motion made by V.P. Baker and Seconded by Director Fagan-Perry All Voted Aye

Appointment of Moderator to preside at the Special Meeting for October 21, 2013 has been tabled to the Thursday night meeting.

Update on Status of APRA request by CASE – tabled to the Thursday Meeting.

Update on status of Boards Budget FY2013-2014 – The President stated that the budget is still being worked on and it will be presented to the court on Wednesday, October 9, 2013. The court will see it first then it will be made public. It is still a work in progress and we will present three budgets or three proposals. We will look at the proposals on Thursday, October 10, 2013 and vote on what to present at the Financial Meeting.

Update on meetings – we will have a meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2013 then one on the following Thursday, October 17, 2013 and then we will have our Financial/Special Meeting on October 21, 2013.

Update on Court hearing – The President explained the procedures of how each side discusses the status of the district and also the proposal of the budgets. Then the Judge will review and make a decision on the process of moving forward. The President also explained the directions that the board is taken in trying to move forward and try to do so with the tax payers in mind. He also claimed that the majority of our cost is personnel. He still stated that the tax payers would like to see the district shut down.

Director Jendzejec gave a quick update on the collections status we collected \$20,264.48 last week, we have \$596,184.00 uncollected and cash on hand we have \$548,748.89. Director Hadley also updated the status of certain bills that have been paid since July. He also reported that we have 13 bills to National Grid that does not make sense.

Discussion/Action on Old/Unfinished or New Business – comment made on discussion with the union and they went well and also questions asked about the equipment and if we need to keep the insurance on them and if so why some pieces are so high. Other than that no new business.

President stated they will adjourn go into executive session to review anything that people went to various meetings for.

Motion made by Director Fagan-Perry to adjourn into Executive Session and Seconded by Director Quinn at 7:40. The Board took a roll call vote.

**All Voted Aye** 

Motion made by Director Fagan-Perry to reconvene into open session at 7:45 and seconded by Director Jendzejec. Roll call vote was taken and Directors Fagan-Perry, Quinn, Jendzejec, Hadley, VP Baker and President Gralinski Voted Aye.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 made by Director Jendzejec and Seconded by Director Fagan-Perry All Voted Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:46

\*\*Board went back into open session due to meeting area they wanted to use was locked\*\*